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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (New) A server apparatus comprising:

a generating unit for synthesizing picture information and related information allowing the picture information and related information to be handled as one unit,

wherein the picture information comprises image data,

wherein the related information comprises time limit information, updating condition information and information for executing a plurality of operations in accordance with the time limit information in response to a related command,

wherein the predetermined operation is processed as a single unit in response to a related operation command,

wherein the predetermined operation is one or more instructions, and

wherein each of the one or more instructions is processed as a function of the related information, and

wherein each of a plurality of operations comprise a specific predetermined operation and instructions;

a providing unit for processing the image data and related information;

a management unit for managing the operation information; and
an updating permission/negation unit for determining permission/negation of
updating of the related information in accordance with the updating condition information.

21. (New) A client apparatus comprising:

an acquisition unit to receive picture information and related information as a
single handling unit,

wherein the predetermined operation is processed as a single unit in
response to a related operation command,

wherein the predetermined operation is one or more instructions, and

wherein each of the one or more instructions is processed as a function of
the related information, and

wherein each of a plurality of operations comprise a specific
predetermined operation and instructions;

a recording unit to store the single handling unit in a first memory;

a user interface for displaying the picture information and allowing the user to
select the picture information which stores the single handling unit a second memory;

a notifying unit for notifying a server that the client received and stored the single
handling unit of picture information and related information;

an operation determining unit for executing an operation as a function of the
related information in accordance with the time limit information in response to a specific
operation command; and

an updating permission/negation unit for determining permission/negation of updating of the related information in accordance with the updating condition information.

22. (New) A computer-readable medium for storing a program for allowing a computer to execute a data processing method, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving picture information and related information as a single handling unit, wherein the predetermined operation is processed as a single unit in response to a related operation command,

wherein the predetermined operation is one or more instructions, and wherein each of the one or more instructions is processed as a function of the related information, and

wherein each of a plurality of operations comprise a specific predetermined operation and instructions;

storing the single handling unit in a first memory;

displaying the picture information;

receiving input from the user selecting the picture information;

storing the single handling unit a second memory in response to the input from the user selecting the picture information;

notifying a server that the client received and stored the single handling unit of picture information and related information;

executing an operation as a function of the related information in accordance with the time limit information in response to a specific operation command;

updating relating information in accordance with the updating condition
information; and
determining permission/negation of the updating step in accordance with the
updating condition information.

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